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Fire Sweeps Spanish Freighter; Three Die

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Three crewmen were killed and 17 others escaped on a raft Monday when fire swept the Spanish freighter Sierra Acanzazu off the eastern tip of Cuba.

A Netherlands vessel, SS P.G. Thulin, picked up the raft 12 miles from the burning ship. Two crewmen were dead and another died as the rescue ship raced toward Mathew Town on Great Inagua Island.

The Coast Guard at Miami reported the Spanish ship was "burning uncontrollably."

Mathew Town has only one doctor and the Coast Guard said if other crewmen were badly hurt they would be airlifted to the U.S. Navy Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

A Coast Guard vessel was sent out from Guantanamo to stand by the burning ship.